# Guiding Principles (Statutory and Commission Policy) Linked to WTP Issues

#### **Preservation**

Emphasize transportation system preservation. (23 CFR 135)

Priority programming for the preservation program shall consider extending the highway system service life with the most cost-effective pavement surfaces, ensuring structural load requirements are met and life cycle costs are minimized. (RCW 47.05.051)

Preservation of existing investments. (RCW 47.06)

No interstate highways or local arterials shall be in poor condition, no bridges shall be structurally deficient, and safety retrofits shall be performed on state bridges at the highest risk levels. (RCW 47.01.012)

Ensure Preservation of the Existing State Highway System. (RCW 47.05.010)

State funding for rail service, rail preservation, and corridor preservation projects must benefit the state's interests. (RCW 47.76.240)

Transportation facilities are in sound operating condition. (TC)

Emphasize infrastructure preservation and maintenance as the priority in funding transportation programs. **(TC)** 

Use lowest life cycle cost methodology to determine the appropriate schedule for upkeep. **(TC)** 

Identify and preserve vital transportation corridors and sites for future transportation uses. **(TC)** 

Summarized

Emphasize transportation system preservation and maintenance as a priority in funding. (CFR, RCW, TC)

Use lowest life cycle cost methodology (extending the service life most cost effectively) to determine schedule for investments.

(RCW, TC)

Keep existing system in sound operating condition. (RCW, TC)

State funding for rail service, rail preservation, and corridor preservation projects must benefit the state's interests.

(RCW)

Identify and preserve vital corridors and sites for future needs. **(TC)** 

## Safety

Increase safety and security of the transportation system. (23 CFR 135)

Each county transportation authority shall submit a Rail Fixed Guideway System Safety and Security Program Plan to the state department of transportation. The plan must conform to the standards adopted by the department.

(RCW 36.57.120)

Priority programming for improvement program is to consider accident and accident risk reduction. Preservation program to restore existing safety features considering lowest life cycle costs. (RCW 47.05.051)

Improving safety. (RCW 47.01.012)

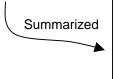
The improvement of traveler safety. (RCW 47.06, 47.05.030, 47.05.035)

Preservation program to restore existing safety features. Improvement program to improve safety. (RCW 47.05.030)

Continuously reduce injuries, fatalities and risk. Increase transportation system safety and security. **(TC)** 

Emphasize traveler safety and security as a primary consideration in the planning, designing, constructing, maintaining, and operating of all transportation systems. **(TC)** 

Support comprehensive transportation safety programs that target improving operator behavior and vehicle design and condition. **(TC)** 



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Increase traveler safety and system security. (CFR, RCW, TC)

Continue to participate in programs that target improving operator behavior and vehicle design. **(TC)** 

Priority programming for improvement program is to consider accident and accident risk reduction. **(RCW)** 

Preservation program to restore existing safety features considering lowest life cycle costs. (RCW)

### **KEY**

**TC** = Transportation Commission Policy Direction

**RCW** = State Law

**CFR** = Federal Law or Federal Stewardship Agreement

# Transportation Access

Increase access and mobility options for people. (23 CFR 135 and 49 CFR)

Support public transit, special needs transportation, and ridesharing programs with federal funds. (RCW 47.04.170)

The department can enter into agreements with federal agencies for public and rail transportation purposes. (RCW 47.04.170)

Transportation system provides all citizens access to basic services. (TC)

Increase travel options beyond privately operated vehicles. (TC)

The statewide transportation system offers easy connections between different services. **(TC)** 

Recognize that the primary mode of travel for Washington citizens will continue to be the private automobile, but provide citizens with mobility choices which include at a minimum some forms of public transportation. **(TC)** 

Provide mobility for people with special needs. (TC)

Promote regional coordination of state, local, and private transportation planning and activities. **(TC)** 

Involve transportation stakeholders and the general public early and continuously in all aspects of transportation planning and development. **(TC)** 

Summarized

Increase access and options for basic transportation services for people including providing mobility for those with special needs. (CFR, RCW, TC)

Promote regional coordination of state, local, and private transportation planning. (RCW, TC)

Improve and integrate all modes for easy connection between services. (RCW, TC)

Involve transportation stakeholders and the public early and continuously in all aspects of transportation planning and development. (CFR, RCW, TC)